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The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 781 (1992) of 9 October 1992, has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on military flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 18 and 20 January 1993, there appear to have been two flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 781 (1992) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 3 of that resolution. In reference to S/24900/Add.11, the four flights reported in SRL 385 were verified by the Monitoring Coordination and Control Centre as multiple sightings of one flight. Details as to the time and the itinerary of these flights are attached as annexes I and II to the present note verbale.

All confirmed violations were immediately protested by UNPROFOR to the party concerned.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(18-20 January 1993)

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
389	18 January	1410	1500	Ground observers reported a fixed-wing aircraft in the vicinity of Prozor, either a Galib or a Jastreb, heading north.	North Unknown Unknown
390	19 January	1118	1200	An MI-8 helicopter, tail number 365, was observed taking off and landing at Zaluzani airfield. The United Nations Military Observers were informed that this was a MEDEVAC mission, however it was not observed conducting any MEDEVAC activity. The helicopter was not carrying any ordnance.	South Unknown 300 feet
	20 January			No violations reported.	

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Annex II

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(Amendment to 16 January 1993)

SRL	Date	Time of observation (UTC) Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
385	16 January	1914	1930	Sector North reported four aircraft sightings (ref. SRL 385) in the north-west corner of the "No Fly Zone" in the area between Otoka and Bihac. After further investigation the Monitoring Coordination and Control Centre has determined this to be multiple sightings of one aircraft. The sightings occurred at 1914z, 1920z, 1929z and 1930z. The first two sightings reported the aircraft heading south. The third sighting was a northern heading and the fourth sighting reported had an easterly heading. After re-evaluation the time, position and range of each of the four sightings only one aircraft is assessed to have been flying. Because of the darkness and distance from the observers, no aircraft type can be determined.	South to north to east Unknown Unknown